

IMAGE TRANSMISSION METHOD AND APPARATUS

**ABSTRACT**

A system for efficiently transferring composite images via  
5 a network, the composite images having been formed from a plurality  
of partial images generated by a modality. The system is configured  
to transmit a composite image, original images from which the  
composite image is formed, or combining data required for generating  
a composite image based on the original images, or a combination  
10 thereof, according to an output destination device or device  
attribute specified by the user.